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AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1972

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1972.

I regret very much that your part Medical Officer of Health, Dr. McGowan, is no longer with us to do this. He was full of knowledge and set an excellent example in conscientiousness and integrity. His day-to-day work and high standards contributed a great deal to the maintenance of the Public Health of the District, as well as his wise advice to the Committees on health matters.

He would have wished to express his appreciation to Mr. Barron, the Chief Public Health Inspector and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year. He would also have asked to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

As this was the last full year during which Miss Carey has worked in the office of the Department I would like to express appreciation of her work which has very much helped on the smooth running of the Department.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

B. I. DENNIS

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

AUGUST, 1973.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

General Statistics

Area of District		90,956 acres
Population:	1931 Census	22,076
	1951 "	26,535
	1961 "	30,796
	Registrar General's Estimate for Mid 1972	39,760
Rateable Value (1.4.73)		£4,409,740
Number of Inhabited Houses		15,256

Extracts from vital Statistics for Year 1972

LIVE BIRTHS:

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	294	228	522
Illegitimate	18	21	39
	312	249	561

LIVE BIRTHS RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 14.1

CORRECTED BIRTH RATE: (Comparability Factor 1.14) = 16.1

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS: (per cent of total live births) = 7% (England and Wales = 9%

STILL BIRTHS:

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	6	4	10
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	6	4	10

STILL BIRTH RATE: (per 1,000 live and still births) = 18 (England and Wales = 12)

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 571

INFANT DEATHS: (Deaths under 1 year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	1
	1	2	3

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS	(per 1,000 live births)	= 5
LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS	(per 1,000 legitimate live births)	= 6
ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS	(per 1,000 illegitimate live births)	= -
NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE	(per 1,000 live births)	= 4
EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE	(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	= -
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE	(still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	= 18
MATERNAL DEATHS		= Nil
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE	(per 1,000 live and still births)	= Nil

DEATHS

Male	Female	Total
248	211	459

UNCORRECTED DEATH RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 11.5

CORRECTED DEATH RATE: (comparability factor 0.87) = 10.0

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

The Registrar General gives the corrected number of live births in the District as 561 (312 boys and 249 girls), this being 20 births less than in 1971. Of these births 39 were illegitimate, i.e. 7% of the total. The corresponding percentage for England and Wales was 9%.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1972 was 14.1 and when the comparability factor (1.14) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 16.1 per 1,000 of the total population compared with 14.8 in 1972. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1972 was 14.8.

BIRTH RATES

Year	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
England & Wales	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0	14.8
Axbridge Rural District	18.8	18.1	19.0	19.9	18.5	18.8	16.9	16.3	16.3	16.7	16.1

STILL BIRTHS

The registered number of still births in 1972 was 10 of which none were illegitimate, thus giving a still birth rate of 18 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS - ALL AGES

After correction for transferable deaths the net total assigned to the District by the Registrar General was 459 (248 males and 211 females). This is 1 more than in 1971 and gives an uncorrected death rate of 11.5. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the death rate was 10.0 per 1,000 of total population compared with 12.1 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from maternal causes in 1972.

INFANT MORTALITY

Three children (1 boy and 2 girls) under the age of one year, died in 1972. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 5 per 1,000 live births, compared with 17 for England and Wales as a whole, of these three deaths two were due to congenital anomalies and one was due to pneumonia.

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other infective & Parasitic Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6
Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	14	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	5	4
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	5
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mental Disorders	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hypertensive Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	9	30	27
	F	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	30
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	11
	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	17
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	6	19
	F	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	4	30
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	5

CAUSES OF DEATH (contd.)	SEX	All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Influenza	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	M	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2
Asthma	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Peptic Ulcer	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & Ill Defined Conditions	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	5	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Accidents	M	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	248	-	1	2	4	4	3	5	10	30	92	97
	F	211	2	-	-	1	-	2	2	13	23	48	120
FINAL TOTAL:		459	2	1	2	5	4	5	7	23	53	140	217

INQUESTS ON RESIDENTS

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Child (all male)	Total
Accidents				
Pedal Cyclists	-	-	2	2
Car Accident	1	-	-	1
Farm Tractor	1	-	-	1
Electrocution from overhead wires	1	-	-	1
Suffocation at home.	-	-	1	1
Self Neglect at Home	1	-	-	1
Suicide				
Barbiturate	-	2	-	2
Falling off a cliff	1	-	-	1
Hanging	1	-	-	1
CO. Fumes from car	1	-	-	1
Open Verdict				
Road Accident	1	-	-	1
Cause of death not ascertained	1	-	-	1
Total	9	2	3	14

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the notifications of infectious diseases in the District during the year:-

DISEASE	Total Cases notified
Measles	56
Dysentery	-
Scarlet Fever	26
Whooping Cough	3
Infective Jaundice	5
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	1
(b) Meninges & C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	-
Dipheria	-
Tetanus	1
Acute Meningitis	2
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	-
(b) Post Infectious	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Typhoid Fever	1
Food Poisoning	-
Malaria	-
Leprosy	-

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council, as the Local Health Authority, is responsible for the provision of a number of personal Health Services, mainly connected with maternity and child welfare, the School Health Service and mental health.

Child Health Clinics are held in twelve Villages in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES

No shortage of water supplies was reported from any part of the District in 1973.

Every Parish has a piped main water supply and 13,330 houses are supplied directly in this way by the Bristol Waterworks Company. However although every parish has a main water supply, not every house can be supplied directly from the mains and there are still 86 houses in the District relying on other sources. Two are supplied from a main water standpipe, fifty four depend on wells, twenty on springs and ten depend on collected rain water, During the year a piped supply was substituted for 1 well supply.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of public supplies is carried out by the Bristol Waterworks Company, but some individual sampling is also done by the Council's Public Health Department. The result of such sampling are given in the Report of the Chief Public Helath Inspector.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1 a) During the year work was completed on:-

Mark Sewerage Scheme	:	£26,000
Axbridge connections, etc.	:	£4.000
Wedmore connections etc.	:	£2,000
Hill Lea Gardens.	:	£800

b) In progress:

Brent Area Sewerage Scheme - Phase 1
Current Contract : £249,208 - Completion 1974
(A further £145,000 is anticipated for contributions to Burnham U.D.C. and Bridgewater R.D.C. in connection with this Phase and Phase 2).

2, Future Proposals (in order of priority)

a) Caravan Club Sewer, Berrow (under construction) - £3,000
b) Kewstoke/Congresbury Sewage Disposal Scheme - £530,000
submitted to D.O.E. - January, 1973
c) Cheddar Valley Sewage Disposal Scheme - Phase 1 - £561,500 - 1974/76
d) Wrington Surface Water - £8,000 - 1974/75
e) Wrington - West Hay Road - Sewer Extension - £4,000 - 1974/75
f) Brent Area Sewerage - Phase 2 - Cost not yet estimated
g) Cheddar Valley Sewage Disposal Scheme - Phase 2 - £301,500 - 1976/78

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1972

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the Year 1972:-

HOUSING

Progress continues to be made in dealing with sub-standard houses, but if the Government's objective of the elimination of all unfit houses within 10 years is to be achieved, whilst in the same period every family is to have available all the standard amenities, then an accelerated programme will be required.

During the year 27 houses were made fit and 4 demolished.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The number of enquiries continues to run at a high level, and during the year 61 applications were approved for works to full discretionary grant standard and 17 approved for the installation of standard amenities.

This means that £376,937 has been paid towards the improvement of 1,147 dwellings since the Grant scheme began, and in 20 years 18.6% of the existing houses in the District have benefited from an Improvement Grant.

STATUTORY ACTION

In only 2 cases throughout the year was this necessary, 1 Closing Order being made and 1 Undertaking accepted not to use premises for human habitation until made fit.

7 applications for Qualification Certificates were received of which 4 were granted.

During 1972 there were no cases of statutory overcrowding on the Register.

CARAVANS and CAMPING

Licensed caravan sites (more than 1 van) now number 7 residential and 69 holiday, with permitted numbers respectively of 420 and 3,322 vans. There are 9 licensed tented sites (325 tents), 18 exempted sites (54 vans) and 29 unlicensed sites (390 tents, 98 vans).

At the height of the holiday season the caravan parks and camping sites therefore house some 15,000 people, a very significant increase in the population of the District. It was again noted that demand for transit caravan pitches still exceeds the supply.

FOOD CONTROL

Routine inspections of all types of food premises were carried out during the year with a view to continued improvement in the standards of storage, display, handling etc.

There was a satisfactory response to the informal approach of the Inspectors, and no statutory proceedings were instituted.

Particulars of the various types of food premises in the District are given below:-

Food Premises in Area (excluding registered dairy premises)	No. of Premises
A. Food Manufacturing Premises	
Edible Fat Refinery	1
Cheese Straw Factory	1
Cheese Factories	2
Bakers	7
Pickle Factory	1
B. Wholesalers	
Greengrocers	3
Dairy Produce	4
Confectioners	1
Grocers	2
Cheese Depot	1
C. Retail Shops	
Grocers	119
Confectioners	52
Butchers	24
Fishmongers & Greengrocers (combined)	3
Greengrocers	30
Dairies	2
D. Catering Premises (including School Meals and Licensed Premises)	208
E. Premises registered under the provisions of Sec. 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (excluding premises used for the Manufacture Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	
Sausage making	12
Fish Frying	6

UNSOUND FOOD

4 complaints of mould in food were investigated, and advice on stock-rotation given to shopkeepers.

In the list below of unsound food surrendered for safe disposal, the bulk of the canned and other foods are goods found damaged on delivery to the large wholesale grocery depot in the District :-

Canned foods	- 13 cwts.	84 lbs.
Canned meats	- 1 cwt.	35 "
Meat at retail premises	- 1 "	79 "
Frozen foods	-	44 "
Other foods	- 3 "	17 "

MEAT

The 2 private slaughterhouses in the District continued in operation, and necessary structural repairs and re-decoration were achieved. All food animals killed were inspected by Public Health Inspectors for fitness for human consumption, and the following table gives details:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	96	-	Nil	310	207
Number inspected	96	-	-	310	207
All diseases:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	-	-	11	14
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease	12.5%	-	-	3.5%	6.7%
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.)	139	-	-	64	84

ICE CREAM

There is 1 registered Manufacturer of Ice Cream (complete cold mix process) and 189 premises registered for storage and sale.

6 samples of soft Ice Cream were sent for bacteriological examination.

MILK

There are 5 registered Dairies and 116 premises registered for the distribution of Milk.

The Medical Officer of Health served 2 notices under the Milk and Dairies Regulations requiring the pasteurisation of untreated supplies from cattle infected with Brucella Abortus.

WATER

Each of the sources of chlorinated mains supply to the District was regularly examined for bacterial purity, and all 49 samples were satisfactory. The County Analyst reported after chemical analysis that all supplies were free from plumbo-solvency and other harmful contamination.

18 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from private premises not receiving a supply from the public mains; 2 of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory.

REFUSE COLLECTION and DISPOSAL

Following work study by the Somerset County Council Management Services Unit, an incentive bonus scheme of payment for the direct labour employees was introduced early in the year. There were savings in both staff and vehicles, but these were offset to some extent by large increases in the numbers of bins put out for collection throughout the District.

Disposal of ordinary household refuse is to the controlled tip at Axbridge, whilst bulky refuse is tipped in the Banwell Quarry.

Number of Refuse Vehicles in operation	6 (+ 2 stand-by) 1 for bulky refuse
Estimated amount of refuse collected during the year	12,725 Tons

Total amount of salvaged material disposed of during the year:-

	Cwts.	Qrs.	£.	p.
(a) Non-ferrous Metals	10	-	40.	00
(b) Rags	18	2	14.	25
(c) Batteries	-	-	12.	00

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

A car-breaker, operating on a lease in part of Banwell Quarry, is contracted to remove and dispose of cars abandoned in the District. 30 vehicles were dealt with in this way, but the legal formalities associated with the actual abandonment and the tracing of owners tend to make it a long drawn-out procedure.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Garden bonfires continue to be a source of conflict between neighbours, but the smoke is usually an annoyance rather than a statutory nuisance. In 1 case of smoke from the burning of trade refuse, informal notice resulted in the provision of a smokeless incinerator.

1 application for the approval of chimney height was dealt with.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT

5 complaints of noise nuisance were received during the year, 3 being confirmed and remedied following informal action.

The barking of dogs can be a problem in an area with 6 animal boarding establishments. Unmuffled pneumatic drills and compressors also gave rise to complaints, but the Statutory Undertakings, whilst exempt from proceedings under the Act, are usually co-operative.

RODENT CONTROL

A slight drop in the number of complaints allowed the survey work to be stepped up with farm and business premises etc. being inspected as possible sources of infestation. Where appropriate, block treatments were carried out, and to date there is no suggestion of Warfarin resistance within the District.

		NON AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
A.	Total number of premises (including nearby properties) inspected following notifications	601	40
	Number infested by (1) Rats	201	30
	(2) Mice	28	21
B.	Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reason other than notification	641	224
	Number infested by (1) Rats	55	72
	(2) Mice	21	5
C.	Number of sewage systems test baited	22	
	Number of sewerage systems needing treatment and treated for rat infestation	1	
D.	Number of Council owned properties (excluding Council Houses) treated for rat infestation	12	
	Number of treatments of Council owned properties for rat infestation	21	
E.	Number of premises treated by Council's rodent operator:		
	(a) For rat infestation	329	14
	(b) For rat and mouse infestation	5	2
	(c) For mouse infestation	45	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a copy of the report submitted to the Minister of Labour for the year ending 31st December, 1972:-

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during Year	Total No. of registered premises at end of Year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspections during Year
Offices	3	76	28
Retail Shops	4	132	74
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	9	4
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	1	54	35
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS:	8	271	141

B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises 155

C. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	575	
Retail Shops	327	
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	53	
Catering establishments open to the public	250	
Canteens	18	
Fuel Storage Depots	-	
TOTAL:	1,227	Males: 527 Females: 700

D. Exemption (relating to all classes of premises)
Space, Temperature, Sanitary Conveniences, Washing Facilities

No. of exemptions current at 31.12.72	Nil
No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	Nil
No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	Nil
No. of cases where employees opposed application	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court made	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court allowed	Nil

E. Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year Nil

F. Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act 4

Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act Nil

ACCIDENTS

All 5 accidents notified during the year were of a minor nature, 2 being investigated and informal advice given.

FACTORIES ACT

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions of health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of: Inspections	Number of: Written Notices
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	88	63	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (enclosing Outworkers' Premises)	8	4	Nil
TOTALS:	99	68	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found	Remedied	Referred: To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	3	3	-	1

PART VIII of the Act (Outwork Sections 133 & 134)

	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec.133(i)(Ic)	No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No.of instances of work in unwholesome premises
Wig making	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dressing Dolls	23	Nil	Nil	Nil
Glove making	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
False Eyelashes	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
All other Classifications	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS:	27	Nil	Nil	Nil

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Number of visits paid in connection with:

Improvement Grants	1,471
Housing Survey, repairs etc.	538
Refuse collection service	309
Infested premises	22
Caravan and camping Sites	482
Food premises and catering establishments	982
Ice-Cream premises	27
Milk and Dairies	27
Water supplies	10
Swimming Baths	45
Infectious diseases and food poisoning	36
Nuisances and complaints	611
Drainage systems	57
Swill-boiling plants	17
Abandoned cars	60

Total number of inspections and re-inspections carried out 4,829

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and the Medical Officer of Health, the other Chief Officers of the Council and all the Staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,

R. T. BARRON

Chief Public Health Inspector.